



Faculties of Humanities and Theology

**RHBB34, History of Religions and Religious Behavioural
Science: Religion and Politics in History, 7.5 credits**
*Religionshistoria och religionsbeteendevetenskap: Religion och politik
i historien, 7,5 högskolepoäng*
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2021-05-21 to be valid from 2021-05-21, spring semester 2022.

General Information

The course is offered as a freestanding course. It can be selected as a specialisation course in the Bachelor's programme in Religious Studies and Theology. It can be included in a first or second cycle degree.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of studies

History of Religions

Religious Studies and Theology with
specialization in History of Religions and
Religious Behavioural Studies

*Depth of study relative to the degree
requirements*

G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in
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Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- account for and compare a selection of past and present religio-political expressions

- summarise and explain some models for understanding religio-political expressions from religious studies, political science and sociology

Competence and skills

- describe, analyse and interpret how religious texts and historical processes are used to sanction political and/or ideological positions and to legitimatise what is a correct life style
- critically assimilate research about religion and politics in Swedish and English

Judgement and approach

- distinguish, compare and take a position on religious and scientific terminology
- critically assess the contents of religio-political statements

Course content

The course examines the close relationship between religion and politics throughout history and in several cultural contexts. Furthermore, it deals with modern religious uses of history and political/ideological interpretations of religious texts from a historical perspective.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures and seminars.

Assessment

The assessment is based on a take-home exam.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, the student must have passed Religious Studies and Theology: Level 1 (CTRA12/CTRD12/CTRA11/CTRD01) or History of Religions: Level 1 (RHIA12/RHIA11) or Islamic Studies: Level 1 (ISLA11) or Jewish Studies: Level 1 (JUDA12 + JUDA13) or History: Level 1 (HISA24) or the equivalent.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
2. The course replaces RHBB32.
3. It is module 2 of the course History of Religions and Behavioural Science of Religion: Level 2 (RHBB04).
4. The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.